Quality maintenance and improvement month

@ 1783. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to celebrate the month of November, 1986 as "Quality maintenance and improvement month". if so, the salient features thereof;

(b) whether Government also propose to ensure quality control on items of mass consumption and those affecting public health; and

(c) the measures proposed to be adopted for quality maintenance and improvement and in the direction of making the consumer protection movement a success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) November, 1986 is being observed as "Quality Maintenance and Improvement Month". During the month a campaign with the participation of Central Ministries/ Departments, State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, Public and Private sector Organisation, trade and Industry Associations, etc., has been launched with a view to create quality consciousness among the manufacturers, workers and consumers alike.

(b) As one of the measures for ensuring quality control, Government have already made the ISI certification mark scheme compulsory for 112 items relating to mass consumption, public health and public safety.

(c) Promotion of measures for quality maintenance and improvement and protection of consumer interests is a continuous process. It will be the constant endeavour of the Government to strengthen consumer protection inducement through educational, promotional and regulatory measures.

Public sector units in Andhra Pradesh

1784. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of public sector units in the country at present;

(b) the number and names of the public sector units incurring losses since 1983, year-wise;

(c) the number of Central public sector units located in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up more such public sector units in Andhra Pradesh under consideration; and

(e) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (c) There were 217 Central Public Enterprises as on 31.3.1985 excluding Insurance Companies, Banking and Financial Institutions. 12 of these enterprises are situated in Andhra Pradesh having their registered offices there.

(b) Accounts of some of the public sector enterprises are under various stages of completion and audit. As such the number and names of public sector units incurring losses for the year 1985-86 are not available. However, the Public Enterprises Survey 1984-85, Volume 3 placed on the

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@ Previously unstarred Question 1185 transferred from the 14th November, 1986.

Table of both the Houses of Parliament in February, 1986, contains, *inter-alia*, details of units incurring losses during the years 1983-84 to 1984-85.

(d) and (e) The decisions regarding location of Central public sector enterprises are taken by the Government on broad techno-economic considerations and it cannot be pre-determined on a state-wise basis.

Financial assistance for construction of courts in Andhra Pradesh

1785. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give more financial assistance by the Central Government for the construction of Courts in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what is the number of Courts set up by the Government of Andhra Pradesh since 1983 to October, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Central Government have approved the proposal to construct 46 buildings for existing courts during 1985-89 at a cost of Rs. 249.49 lakhs with the grants-in-aid recommended by the Eighth Finance Commission.

(b) The State Government have intimated that 11 District Courts, 22 Sub-Courts, 42 Munsiff Magistrates Courts and 37 Special Second Class Magistrate Courts have been established from 1982-83 to 1984-85.

Indigenous Components in new model of Maruti

1786. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of indigenous component in the new model of the Maruti-Suzuki car at present; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure the level of sophistication of the car components?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Cumulative indigenisation achieved by the new Maruti-800 Car is 53.8 per cent.

(b) Maruti Udyog ensures the quality of indigenous components by subjecting them to various tests.

Letters of intent and DGTD registration for Andhra Pradesh

1787. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of the letters of intent and registrations at D.G.T.D. for the State of Andhra Pradesh have come down during the last three years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation have recently sent sixteen applications of letters of intent/DGTD registration;

(c) if so, what are the details of the applications and action taken by Government; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in clearing them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. The number of letters of intent granted for setting up of industries in the State of Andhra Pradesh and the number of schemes registered with DGTD in respect of this State during the last three years are indicated below:—